REMARKS

In view of cancellation of non-elected claims 33-46, 51-54, 59 and 60, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 1-13, 25-32, 47-50 and 55-58 (please note that though claim 13 was not indicated, in the Office Action mailed February 18, 2005, to be allowed, because this claim depends from claim 1 it is allowable along with claim 1).

However, a Petition to Withdraw Restriction Requirement was filed on July 1, 2005. Accordingly, if this Petition is decided in Applicants' favor, such that the Restriction Requirement between the apparatus claims and the method claims is withdrawn, then the Examiner is hereby authorized to reinsert claims 33-46, 51-54, 59 and 60 by an Examiner's Amendment for consideration.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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